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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF THE CHIEF OF THE U.S. DEL HEW SECRETARY  
WEINBERGER TO THE WORKING COMMITTEE ON CULTURE AT ITS  
FIRST SESSION ON JANUARY 28.

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO ALL ARA DIPLOMATIC POSTS AND HEW

1. QUOTE: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I WOULD LIKE TO  
EXPRESS FIRST OF ALL THE APPRECIATION THAT I FEEL FOR  
THE OPPORUNITY TO JOIN IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS THIS  
MORNING AND I WISH I COULD STAY LONGER. WE HAVE A  
CABINET MEETING IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW MORNING, SO  
I SHALL HAVE TO LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON, BUT I SHALL BE  
REPRESENTED BY VERY ABLE COLLEAGUES ON OUR DELEGATION  
WHO WILL BE ABLE TO STAY THROUGHOUT YOUR MEETING.  
HOWEVER, I AM HAPPY TO HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO BE WITH  
YOU FOR A SHORT TIME THIS MORNING.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE KIND WORDS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID  
ABOUT MY STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY, I DO APPRECIATE THAT  
TOO, AND I WANT TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE THAT WE  
ATTACH TO CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AS PART OF OUR WHOLE  
EDUCATIONAL PROCESS; THEREFORE, WE ARE VERY ANXIOUS  
TO TRY TO SECURE THE ALLOCATION OR THE AUTHORITY TO USE  
SOME OF OUR EDUCATIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CULTURAL  
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EFFORTS OF THE OAS. MY OPTIMISM MUST BE CLOAKED BY SOME

CAUTION, BECAUSE IN OUR COUNTRY, AS YOU KNOW, WE CAN'T DO ALL OF THE THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO DO WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF OUR CONGRESS. HOWEVER, WE ARE VERY HOPEFUL INDEED THAT CONGRESS WILL GIVE US ITS CONSENT TO USE SOME OF OUR EDUCATIONAL FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. I TALKED WITH OUR DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE YESTERDAY, AND WE ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF EXAMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF SOME OF OUR EDUCATIONAL FUNDS TO SEE IF THEY CAN BE ALLOCATED TO THE CULTURAL PURPOSES OF THIS ORGANIZATION, AND WE FEEL HOPEFUL AT THIS TIME THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO DO SO. WE CERTAINLY ARE GOING TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT, BECAUSE WE THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE A WORTH-WHILE AND IMPORTANT USE OF THESE FUNDS. WE JOIN WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN THE SUPPORT THAT THIS ORGANIZATION HAS GIVEN TO CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS AND WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT EFFORT IN EVERY WAY THAT WE CAN. IT WILL BE A PRIORITY ORDER OF BUSINESS WHEN I GET HOME TO SEE WHAT THE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO ENABLE US TO DO THIS.

3. MEANWHILE, I THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF THE CULTURAL FUND COMMITTEE - THIS COMMITTEE OR THE ACCOUNT FOR CULTURE - WOULD INDICATE SOME OF ITS PREFERENCES AS TO WHERE SOME OF THE FUNDS MIGHT BE USED SPECIFICALLY. THIS WOULD GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR THE PRECISE USE OF THESE CULTURAL FUNDS THAT WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ALLOCATE. WE SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DO THIS AND HOPE THAT WE SHALL BE SUCCESSFUL. I EVEN HOPE THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE SOME MORE DETAIL TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES HERE AFTER I GET BACK TO WASHINGTON. BUT MEANWHILE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS AGAIN THE GREAT APPRECIATION I HAVE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE HONOR OF PARTICIPATING IN YOUR PROCEEDINGS, AND I'M JUST VERY GLAD TO BE HERE. THANK YOU. END QUOTE  
JOVA

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